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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to grant an extension of time for responding to this Notice

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Respectfully Submitted,

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